

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
- v. -	:	CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE/ <u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
MORAKINYO GBEYIDE,	:	
	:	S1 21 Cr. 609 (LAP)
Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about December 27, 2021, MORAKINYO GBEYIDE (the “Defendant”), among others, was charged in an three-count Superseding Indictment, S1 21 Cr. 609 (LAP) (the “Indictment”), with money laundering conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h) (Count One); conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count Two); and aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A(a)(1), 1028A(b), and 2 (Count Three);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Count Two of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), of any and all property constituting, or derived from, proceeds the Defendant obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of the commission of the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense in charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained;

WHEREAS, on or about February 10, 2023, the Defendant pled guilty to Count Two of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count Two of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), a sum of money equal to

\$3,763,658.62 in United States currency, representing proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 16, 2021, pursuant to a seizure warrant, the Government seized approximately 125,871.69 Tether formerly held in Binance Account ID 169355664 (the “Specific Property”);

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$3,763,658.62 in United States currency, representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, of which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with (i) co-defendant Adedayo John (“John”) to the extent a forfeiture money judgment is entered against John in this case; and (ii) Oluwadamilola Akinpelu, Kazeem Raheem, and Smart Agunbiade (the “Co-Defendants”) and the forfeiture money judgment entered against them in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant further consents to the forfeiture of all his right, title and interest in the Specific Property, which constitutes proceeds obtained from the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds obtained from the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence, with the exception of the Specific Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(g), and Rules 32.2(b)(3), and 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government is now entitled, pending any assertion of third-party claims, to reduce the Specific Property to its

possession and to notify any and all persons who reasonably appear to be a potential claimant of their interest herein;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorneys, Kaylan Lasky and Matthew Weinberg of counsel, and the Defendant, and his counsel, Jonathan Rosenberg, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$3,763,658.62 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, of which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with (i) John to the extent a forfeiture money judgment is entered against him in this case; and (ii) the Co-Defendants and the forfeiture money judgments entered against them in this case, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. As a result of the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, all of the Defendant's right, title and interest in the Specific Property is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

3. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, MORAKINYO GBEYIDE, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

4. All payments on the outstanding Money Judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to United States Department

of Treasury, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Illicit Finance and Money Laundering Unit, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

5. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment, and pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, the United States Department of Treasury, or its designee shall be authorized to deposit the payment on the Money Judgment into the Treasury Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

6. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment, the United States (or its designee) is hereby authorized to take possession of the Specific Property and to hold such property in its secure custody and control.

7. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the United States is permitted to publish forfeiture notices on the government internet site, www.forfeiture.gov. This site incorporates the forfeiture notices that have been traditionally published in newspapers. The United States forthwith shall publish the internet ad for at least thirty (30) consecutive days. Any person, other than the Defendant, claiming interest in the Specific Property must file a Petition within sixty (60) days from the first day of publication of the Notice on this official government internet web site, or no later than thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

8. The published notice of forfeiture shall state that the petition (i) shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the Specific Property, (ii) shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and (iii) shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the Specific Property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the Specific Property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n).

9. Pursuant to 32.2 (b)(6)(A) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government shall send notice to any person who reasonably appears to be a potential claimant with standing to contest the forfeiture in the ancillary proceeding.

10. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture with respect to the Specific Property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed. All Specific Property forfeited to the United States under a Final Order of Forfeiture shall be applied towards the satisfaction of the Money Judgment.

11. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

12. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

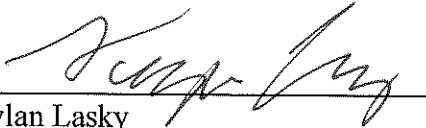
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14. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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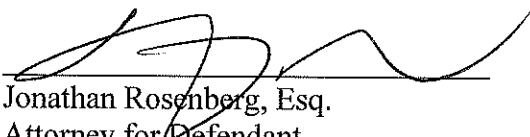
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SO ORDERED:


HONORABLE LORETTA A. PRESKA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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